

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 NINTH STREET

SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION
FOR THE ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT (99-AFC-1C)**

On January 10, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Elk Hills Power to modify the Elk Hills Power Project (EHPP). EHPP is a nominal 500 MW natural gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant located at the intersection of Elk Hills and Skyline Roads, approximately 25 miles west of Bakersfield, in Kern County. The power plant was certified in December 2000, and it commenced commercial operation in July 2003.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Elk Hills Power, the owner of EHPP, submitted a petition to increase the duration of extended startups (e.g., following a non-operational interval due to maintenance, etc.) from four to six hours. Extended startups occur infrequently; no changes are proposed for the duration of regular startups. This proposed project modification will enable Elk Hills Power to comply with equipment vendor requirements for extended start routines, and to maintain equipment warranties. No increases in daily or annual emission limits for criteria air pollutants are requested.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, and public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process. The petition is available on the Energy Commission's webpage at www.energy.ca.gov. The staff analysis (when published), and the Energy Commission Order (if approved), will also be posted on the webpage. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, staff's analysis, and/or the Energy Commission Order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact Nancy Tronaas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3864, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this Notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: _____

TERRENCE O'BRIEN, Deputy Director
Systems Assessment & Facilities Siting Division

Enclosure: Information Request Form

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INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

COMPLETE & MAIL TO:

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COMPLIANCE UNIT
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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT TO INCREASE THE DURATION OF EXTENDED STARTUPS.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- ENERGY COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: Elk Hills Power Project

DOCKET NO: 99-AFC-1C

MAIL LIST NO: 745